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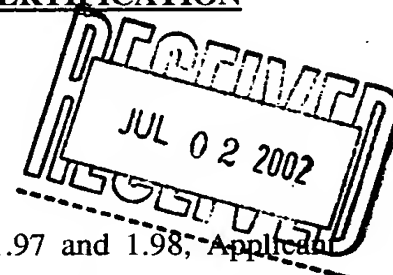
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Sir:



In accordance with MPEP 609 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant brings the attached references to the Examiner's attention and requests that they be considered and made of record in this application. Also attached is a completed PTO-1449 form.

Furthermore, Applicant believes that no fee is due even in the case of cross-mailing. The attached references were cited in the European Search Report (a copy attached) for a counterpart application issued on April 23, 2002. I hereby certify that each item of information in the Information Disclosure Statement filed herewith was cited for the first time in any communication from a foreign patent office in any counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement. Accordingly, per 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(c), Applicant believes that no fee is due even if the first Office Action has been mailed.

Accordingly, **no fee is believed to be required.** However, Applicant authorizes the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to charge payment of the Petition fee Under 37 CFR § 1.17(p) **if required** and any other fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1836.

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